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SUBJECT: LIN DENOUNCED BY FORMER HIGH-RANKING SUBORDINATE

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1. AT A SEPTEMBER 6 CHENG TU RALLY, TENG HUA, LISTED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE PROVINCIAL PRODUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION OFFICE, LED OFF THE SPEECHES CRITICIZING LIN PIAO. TENG IS THE HIGHEST-RANKING FORMER FOURTH FIELD ARMY MEMBER TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST LIN TO DATE.

2. TENG WAS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE THREE MAJOR COMMANDERS OF THE FOURTH FIELD ARMY ALONG WITH HAN HSIEN-CHU AND THE LATE LI TIEN-YU. HE COMMANDED THE SHENYANG MILITARY REGION, 1955-59, AND WAS A FULL MEMBER OF THE CCP EIGHTH CENTRAL COMMITTEE. LOSING HIS MILITARY TITLES IN THE PENG TE-HUAI PURGE, TENG WAS LISTED AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VICE GOVERNOR OF SZECHWAN, 1960-68. HE WAS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER

TO BOTH THE NINTH AND TENTH PARTY CONGRESSES, BUT WAS NOT LISTED WITH ANY OFFICIAL TITLE UNTIL THIS SEPTEMBER RALLY.

3. MANY OF THE PEOPLE LISTED IN ATTENDANCE AT A RECENT ANTI-LIN RALLY IN CANTON (REFTEL) ALSO HAD BEEN UNDER LIN'S COMMAND.

4. COMMENT. AS IS APPARENT FROM CRITICISM BY LOWER-LEVEL PARTICIPANTS IN LIN'S BATTLE VICTORIES, THE REGIME IS INTENT ON USING MILITARY FIGURES TO SPIKE ANY REMAINING CLAIMS TO GREATNESS FOR LIN. IN PART, THIS GIVES FOLLOWERS OF LIN PIAO THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST THEIR FORMER COMMANDER AND THEREBY REDEEM THEMSELVES. THE CENTER APPEARS TO BE MAKING CLEAR THAT THE STRESS IS ON UNITY RATHER THAN PURGE, AND CRITICISM OF LIN'S LINE MAY SUFFICE TO CLEAR HIS FORMER ASSOCIATES. TENG MAY BE THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF RANKING MILITARY CALLED FORTH TO SPEED LIN'S FINAL HUMILIATION.
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